



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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East Front Plaza Ready to Support Inaugural



This aerial view of the East Front Plaza taken December 22, 2004, shows most of the 160,000 granite paving stones that are now in place on the Plaza deck. Also visible are the grass beds and new skylights near the face of the Capitol. Clean-up activities will occur throughout the Plaza over the next two weeks to prepare the area for the arrival of the presidential motorcade and to accommodate other ceremonial activities. Below the Plaza deck, all major structural work is substantially complete with only minor concrete placements and waterproofing activities left to occur.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/03/05 through 1/07/05

CVC and East Front Plaza Highlights:

- East Front Plaza work is now complete at a level sufficient to support inaugural activities, including motorcade access.
- All major structural work for the CVC has been completed, including concrete placements for the roof deck and interior slabs. Work on the Library of Congress tunnel will be completed in late January 2005.
- Sequence 2 (build-out and finishes) workers are now fireproofing structural elements throughout the site.
- Stone masons have now placed more than 162,000 granite pavers on the CVC roof deck.
- Crews are installing storm water drain pipes in the eastern half of the site where the ground slopes to the CVC entrances and other workers have begun assembling the formwork for the pedestrian paths in this zone.
- Sequence 2 workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and erect interior block work.

East Front Extension

- All major steel erection and demolition activities are complete inside the East Front. However, some minor pockets of demolition activity will still occur and cause temporary noise disturbances to adjacent offices. Sequence 2 contractors will continue installing mechanical systems and utilities in this zone.

Truck Tunnel Construction

- The truck tunnel is open to trucks delivering materials in support of the Sequence 2 contract.
- Crews have completed placing the asphalt necessary to restore Northwest Drive and the traffic lanes at the North Barricade Entrance. Striping and other finishing activities will occur over the next two weeks and will be completed prior to the inaugural on January 20, 2005.



A view of the south staircase leading into the Great Hall. All major structural work is now complete.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Asphalt paving and restoration work continues along First Street near the tunnel zone. Both sides of First Street are now open to traffic. The sidewalk on the east side of First Street is expected to be fully restored before the end of this week.
- Concrete placements still need to be completed for the steps and ramp inside the tunnel at the eastern-most end.

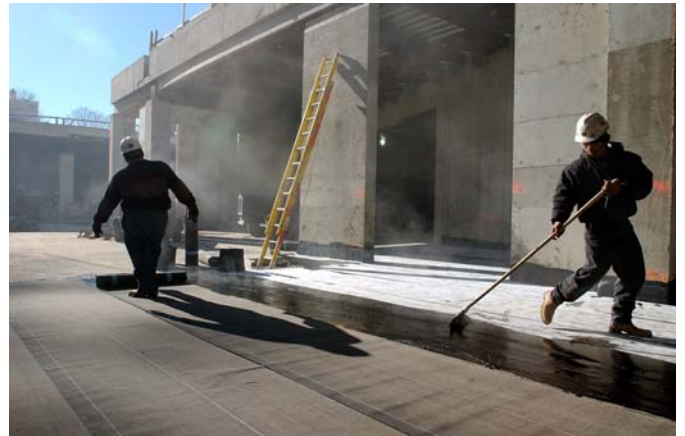
Next Week – 1/10/04 – 1/14/05

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Workers will continue placing the granite paving stones on the CVC roof deck between the two large skylights and in other areas on the eastern half of the roof deck.
- Crews will continue to install utilities, build mechanical spaces, place concrete, erect blockwork, and backfill the zones near the CVC entrances.

East Front Extension

- Removal of temporary shoring and minor demolition activities will continue. All major steel erection and demolition activities have been completed.
- Installation of mechanical systems and utilities will continue.



Workers place a waterproofing membrane at the CVC entrance zone.

Truck Tunnel Construction

- Restoration of Northwest Drive and the Senate Plaza will continue, including the removal of fences, placement of pavers, striping, and the restoration of sidewalks and landscaped areas.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

Final concrete placements are expected to occur at the eastern-most end of the tunnel within the LOC grounds.

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